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A PATRIOTIC APPEAL TO EVERY
LOYAL AMERICAN

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PREFACE

The Government of the United States was founded "to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for a common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty."

The first National Assembly of France declared that "ignorance, neglect or contempt of human rights are the sole causes of public misfortune and corruptions of Government."

We are engaged in a world war. Mankind is facing a momentous crisis. America's heart and hopes are in France.

Our firesides glow with mingled reflections of tender memories and glorious achievement. Our family altars are lit with the prayers of trusting mothers, anxious wives and wondering children. The blood, the fortunes and the energies of a mighty peace loving and God fearing people are pledged to the success of the cause "over there." All to uphold the glory of God and the rights of man.

With a prayerful and patriotic desire to engrave upon the heart of every American a full conception and realization of the sacred duty imposed upon all as citizens of the greatest of all Republics, I submit this effort to the conscientious consideration of my countrymen.

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CHAPTER I.

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DRAFT PRESIDENT WILSON is not an original thought of the author. It is the call of destiny, the cry of humanity and the demand of duty. It is the manifested inspiration born in the hearts of millions of souls, glorified by the reward wrapped in the cause "over there."

It is the irresistible demand of that grand spirit sweeping the Universe like a mighty tidal wave to make this a safer, better and purer world in which to live.

It is the unconquerable movement nursed and fed by a thousand generations of pain, suffering, sacrifice and death, tested by ages of fire and blood for a higher and better social order and a more equal and just economic and industrial freedom.

It is the first lisping of the new born world force called Americanism, and it is the beckon of a hopeful posterity.

The time for reason is here. The demand of the age looks us squarely in the face and searches our innermost soul. Let us rise to the importance of the situation. Let us smother our prejudices. Let us set the sapping politician aside. Let the weakling and slacker go his way. Let us forget for the moment our personal and selfish interests. Let us, just for the day, live for the glory of God, the good of humanity and the up-building of the race. Let us lift the curtain of human activities and calmly look upon the great battlefield of life.

The world is literally soaked in human blood. Hatred is being bred, over and over, in the hearts of men. Kill, kill, kill thy brother is the battle cry. The horror of the sickening nightmare can never be told or understood.

In Europe the crimson stained soil has been sanctified by a baptism of human blood. The temples of holy worship and sanctuaries of refuge have been desecrated and laid waste. The fertile fields have been devastated. The feasts have been turned into mourning. Ruin and destruction shock and sicken the soul. Wild, savage and blood curdling crimes are rewarded by the wicked Moloch of the age. "Over there" the flower of a peace loving and God fearing people are fighting, fighting, fighting. Fighting that a blood lust race shall not pass. Fighting that the pain, suffering and sacrifices of the countless ages gone shall not have been made in vain, that the descendants of Washington and Lincoln shall not be humbled and broken by the descendants of Attila the Hun. Fighting to keep the covenant with our Fathers, to keep burning the light of liberty, to guard our heritage, protect our homes and earn the respect and admiration of the coming generations. Fighting to preserve the hallowed associations that cluster about the unconquered and unconquerable flag of the free. Fighting to keep a brutal force from our bridal chambers, to keep the Zeppelins from murdering our innocent children, helpless women and defenseless civilians, to keep the black pirate submarines from taking their toll of death in our harbors and along our coasts. Fighting for the glory of God and the emancipation of the human race. "Over there" they are dying, dying, dying. Making the extreme sacrifice. Dying

with a prayer of hope and inspiration on their lips. Dying that right shall rule and that you and I may live. Dying that free men and free institutions shall not be wiped from the earth. Dying that the world may be saved for humanity and democracy. Dying that christianity and freedom shall not be crushed by the savage and brutal hand of Prussianism. Dying that the world may have a new birth of freedom, giving to all mankind the hopes, ideals and blessings designed in the great infinite plan of creation.

“Over there” the God-ordained Stars and Stripes is mating with the Tricolor of immortal France, unfurling its protecting folds in solemn salute to the heroism and undying glory of bleeding Belgium; spreading before the breeze with the Union Jack of Great Britain; mingling with the emblem of sunny, indomitable Italy; standing attention with Servia and Roumania and offering a helping hand to stricken Russia—each day thundering the soul-stirring battle cry, “The Blood-Lusting Hun Shall Not Pass!”

“Over there” a million wreaths, spun from the deepest gratitude of an endeared and loving people, blessed by the sacred affection of a million immortal souls, honored by the chivalry of a thousand generations, kissed by the virgins of hope and eternal reward, will deck and mark and keep holy the hallowed ground made crimson by the blood of the martyrs who there sleep their eternal sleep.

Be the struggle “over there” a part of the great infinite plan of creation or an epoch, produced by the evolution of progress, activity and development, matters little, because in the last analysis we find the whole

world facing a great transitional period—the birth of a new epoch is a dawning reality.

This terrible death-dealing struggle, with its unequaled slaughter and destruction; the unmatched bravery and intrepid spirit of millions of men; the untold sacrifices of tens of millions of people, mean just one thing and one thing only—mankind will be given an opportunity to do its duty to God, to country and to posterity.

Even though the fiendish Hun is crushed beyond revival, even though the house of the wicked Hohenzollern be blown to atoms and the militarism of Prussian autocracy is wiped from the earth, the cause “over there” will be lost unless you and I do our duty as soldiers fighting for the cause of humanity. Victory “over there” will give us our opportunity. Do we understand? Will we be ready?

Let us here highly resolve that the fruits of the victory “over there” shall be for Humanity and Democracy, Freedom and Liberty, Equality and Justice throughout the world.

CHAPTER II.

There Was War in Heaven.

"There was war in Heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon."

The rule of the Almighty in Heaven had been challenged by the red dragon—greed, lust, selfishness and love of power. Michael had been delegated by God to overcome and destroy the rise of this evil genius and a furious battle lasting many days, where the fortunes of success ebbed and flowed, had been fought and won when God pronounced his judgment that ended forever the presence of Satan in Heaven. The story of the casting of Satan out of Heaven, his sojourn in hell, his escape to the earth, is so well known to all that it will not here be repeated.

By this simple story, so well authenticated, we are forcefully reminded that in every age, under every condition, in every clime and land there has existed this red dragon of greed, lust, selfishness and love of power, bringing to mankind crime, want, misery, suffering and woe and standing as the arch enemy of human freedom, justice, individual liberty and universal brotherhood.

The world has witnessed three great transitional periods, producing three great epochs. From the very earliest, mankind has progressed because of struggle, conflict and sacrifice.

Indeed, from the primitive man to the present day is the long distance of ages, yet every step of that long, long trail is marked by the blood of the men and the women who have lived and struggled, suffered and died to make this a better world in which to live. And this, because at every inch on the road of progress, humanity and civilization have been compelled to meet and contest with the forces of evil.

From the days of Michael to the coming of the Master, many, many battles were fought for the glory of God and the rights of man. Time after time in this struggle the forces of evil have triumphed over the hosts of truth, but in the last totaling, in the grand result, truth prevailed and mighty progress has been made.

The strange fact is that the hosts of God—truth, righteousness, human uplift, industrial freedom and individual liberty—have reached their grandest and highest summits of progress and achievement at the very time the forces of evil seemed to be riding on the high tide of success. Let me in a brief manner illustrate:

Rome was at the zenith of her power and glory. She was a "world-wide confederation of aristocracies for the perpetuation of human servitude." Caesar Augustus had decreed that the *whole world* should be taxed to maintain and perpetuate this mighty confederation. Rome that sat on her seven hills and from her throne of beauty ruled the world, whose rulers brought many captives whose ransom did her general coffers fill; Rome, the power of force that lived by the doctrine that might is right, presented every evidence of being an irresistible power.

The people of Rome had become hardened to the oppression, butchery and debaucheries of Herod, Nero and the Caesars. The Roman system "bullied" the whole world. Here and there a few martyrs recorded their extreme sacrifice in defense of human progress. The doctrine of brute force seemed to be riding on the high tide of fixed establishment.

Then there came out of Galilee a humble man, the son of a carpenter. He preached to the people in a very plain, but earnest manner. He taught a new

doctrine. He challenged and condemned the doctrine of force. He defied the mighty Roman Empire and became the first great representative of the people. Armed in the holy cause of human justice, he aroused the "cowed" slaves of Roman servitude. The common people, the producing class, the laboring man, the man with good thoughts in his heart, caught up the spirit and the followers of Jesus became a mighty host. At this time, under the Roman rule, Jesus found opposing him the same force that has opposed and hindered the progress of truth in every age. The same force that rebelled against the rule of the Almighty in the days of Michael was there; the Pharisees were there as they are here; the blood lust and gluttonous greed with its never ending cry for more and more was there, as it is here; the invisible government was there, as it is here; the system was there, as it is here. The plundering of the God-given resources was going on there, except to a greater degree, as it has been going on in the world ever since.

He found the temples and sanctuaries of holy worship turned into trading houses for the money changers; he found the Caste System, the Silversmiths, the Judases, the Scribes, the High Priests, the Profiteers, and he condemned them all.

And so came to pass the first great epoch, the founding of the christian religion, blessing humanity with new fruitage. And at this epoch we find the first great representative of the people. Michael made possible the establishment of the christian religion. Christ made possible the founding of free government, with the recognition of the principle that all men are created equal.

CHAPTER III.

The First Representative of the People.

The first representative of the people was the last of the world's great teachers. This sentence is intended as a bold challenge. If it be correct it should arouse every right thinking person. If it be incorrect the truth should be forthcoming. Jesus was the first representative of the people. His whole soul throbbed with the full rhythm of the laws of God and the rights of man. He lived and died for the good of mankind, not only the life in the hereafter, but here on earth in this sphere of activity. He preached industrial freedom, individual liberty, human brotherhood, economic activity and good will to man. He condemned the doctrine of force, challenged the laws of Rome, rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees, cursed the money changers and denounced hypocrisy. He was the first representative of the people and the last of the world's great teachers. All agree that Jesus furnished the foundation and superstructure of the second great epoch, just as Michael gave the world the foundation for the great epoch that established the christian religion.

From the death of Christ by the law-enforcing department of the Roman Government down to the birth of the Declaration of Independence we find the evil forces heretofore referred to harassing the march of progress. The same dragon that battled with Michael and crucified Christ now vainly struggles to overthrow civilization, christianity and human progress.

In short, at this period of the world's evolution we find strikingly similar conditions to those observed all

along the road of progress, except that truth and righteousness are gradually developing into a more potent force, the fruitage of which is daily bringing good results.

We finally reach the second great epoch in the march of world progress and that is the establishment of a Government of the people—giving the world the new doctrine that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and among them are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

A solemn period has now been reached. The dawn of a new epoch draws near. The shadows of darkness which had filled the sky of hope in the heavens of human freedom are being dissipated. A humble and God-fearing people have founded their homes on the bleak and barren shores of a strange continent. Here they plant the seed of hope, inspiration and determination and give to all mankind a new freedom and to destiny a new light.

From the four corners of the earth people flock to this haven of refuge, this land of opportunity and individual liberty, until on our shores are found every type and mould of civilization, every nationality and all the bloods, lores, languages, religions and family ties which the history of mankind has listed.

In the main these people have been thrifty, energetic and industrious. Witness them building their homes, erecting their altars, constructing their firesides and sanctifying their family circles. Behold them felling the mighty forests, toiling and spinning with glad hearts and willing hands, leveling the giant and rugged mountains and building bands of steel into every nook and corner. They have subdued the rapids, harnessed the

water powers, trapped the lightning, chained the torrents, spanned the rivers, joined the oceans and transformed the elements into things useful and beneficial to humanity.

They have founded their villages in the wilderness and transformed them into great trade centers where countless industries sing the song of progress, making glad the hearts and happy the homes of countless millions of toilers.

Great institutions of research and learning, places of holy worship according to the dictates of the conscience of the worshiper have been erected and protected.

The magnitude of the progress of our industrial and business institutions, wrought in about three-quarters of a century, challenges the admiration of the world. Our wealth accumulation has been the marvel of the age.

Greed early had its grip upon the throat of this nation. Corporate control began to strangle our industries. Monopoly began to squeeze the great middle class, the producer and the laborer. American industry lost its freedom. The weak was crushed by the strong. Everything became commercialized. The great mill of selfish interests grinding on and on to produce wealth, power and influence worked overtime. Crime came to the land of happiness, hunger and poverty to the land of plenty. Capital organized. Labor organized.

The unseen hand of destiny after all made its appearance. Again, observe that the hosts of God—truth, righteousness, human uplift, industrial freedom and individual liberty have reached their grandest sum-

mits and achieved their most splendid victories at the very time the forces of evil seem to be riding on the high tide of success.

The world-wide conflict, in all its fury, with all its pent up hell, in all its death and destructiveness, will bring about a complete change. Its end will be the ushering in of a new epoch, the third epoch in the evolution of world events, **THE BIRTH OF AMERICANISM.**

Again we observe that the eternal plan of creation under the hand of an all-wise God, step by step, is bringing the race higher and higher to the goal of human perfection, where the human will finally blend and amalgamate with the spiritual and all will understand the spiritual conception of life.

CHAPTER IV.

The World War.

The World War has not only demonstrated the absolute and crying necessity of, but has provided the way for a full and complete readjustment and reorganization of our whole social, industrial and economic order. This change will involve a tremendous and exacting task.

We find capital and labor ready to join hands and play their part in the building up of our productive energies to the full capacity of their productiveness. Society is demanding this union.

The great unorganized middle class, the stalwart citizenship of the nation, is demanding the elimination of all non-producing agencies. They demand a healthy and vigorous industrial system that will develop our industries to the highest point of productiveness and our workmen to the highest point of efficiency, and a social and economic order that will protect the producer and consumer alike and give to all a fair and just portion of the products of his or her toil. They demand the freedom of enterprise.

Interwoven into the whole fabric is that well developed thread of self-interest demanding special attention.

In the arena of political activity the people are demanding that the oft repeated axiom, "public office is a public trust," shall be resolved into the new and higher idea that a public trust conferred is the insignia of human brotherhood, which no man should be permitted

to wear who does not find his greatest gain and highest ambition realized in faithful work for others.

Hovering over these forces of progress and productiveness like vultures are the greedy pirates of industry that have ruled the industrial and economic life and dictated to the American people ever since the Civil War. These gamblers have levied an unholy tax upon every mouthful of food the people have consumed, every garment they have worn, every convenience they have used, and every necessary bounty they have appropriated. They have been beyond the operation of the law. Their bold manipulations gave us the red-handed, radical agitator of the anarchist and I. W. W. type. So we witness as a part of our industrial economy two great, organized, evil forces, one without the pale of the law, the other above the law, and both existing to the great detriment of the people.

As a very natural consequence much protest and bitter agitation filled the land. Into this struggle was drawn every form of American life. This conflict disturbed the whole body politic, destroyed the harmony of our social life and at times threatened the very foundations of free government.

The manipulations of organized and concentrated capital and the agitation and propaganda of organizations of the I. W. W. brand became the twin evils of the age.

Between these gambling and destructive forces, paying unwilling tribute to both, struggled the great unorganized middle class, the producer and the consumer.

These and a host of other conditions combined into

an industrial and social state which had become alarming.

I fully appreciate the coldness of figures, but here I want to bring to you the magnitude of the far-reaching force and the undreamed of power of organized capital. These figures are beyond human conception. In 1853 there was brought into existence a mutual organization called the New York Clearing House, composed of fifty-two members, since reduced to fifty. The ostensible purpose of this organization was to create within the United States a more perfect banking system. But its real object, as since developed, was to control the money of the country through the medium of the banks, and in this they are absolutely supreme. So well did they succeed that in 1913 180 men held 385 directorships in forty-one banks and trust companies having total resources of \$3,832,000,000 and total deposits of \$2,834,000,000; 50 directorships in eleven insurance companies having total assets of \$2,646,000,000; 155 directorships in 31 railroad systems having a total capitalization of \$12,193,000,000 and a total mileage of 163,200; six directorships in two express companies and four directorships in one steamship company having a combined capitalization of \$245,000,000 and a gross annual income of \$97,000,000.

These same men held 98 directorships in 28 producing and trading companies having a total capitalization of \$3,583,000,000 and total gross annual earnings in excess of \$1,145,000,000; 48 directorships in 19 public utility corporations having a total capitalization of \$2,826,000,000 and total gross annual earnings in excess of \$470,000,000. In all, these 180 men held 746 directorships in 134 corporations having total resources

or capitalization of \$25,325,000,000, and at the top of this financial heap there have been three supreme, overshadowing and directing forces in control of the financial policy of the United States, having under their immediate and actual control more than one-fifth of the total wealth of the nation.

It should be observed that the combination controlling the wealth of the country does not belong to any particular political party. They respect neither flag nor country, neither man nor religion. Their lives are devoted to devising and developing schemes of exploitation. Their one ambition is to accumulate wealth, to acquire influence and power and retain it.

Space does not permit me to point out, or even begin to point out, the plundering process, cruel manipulations and blighting effect upon our national life of this gigantic force of evil.

The past down to the beginning of the great World War I am going to leave as the dead past. In other words, these forces of evil, these Dragons, Herods, Neros, Molochs and Shylocks must, and by the grace of a just God will, now, when we are given the opportunity, be destroyed lock, stock and barrel.

The World War with all its horrors burst upon the world like a flash from the clear sky. As time went on the aim of the Central Powers began to dawn. In 1916 Congress decided upon a plan of preparedness. A bill providing for a Government armor plate plant was proposed. The armor plate manufacturers immediately served notice on this Government that if the bill became a law they would immediately add two hundred dollars a ton to the price of their product and eventually dismantle their plants. This is mentioned as a small

detail to demonstrate the attitude of the Kaisers of Industry of America toward the great Government of the United States.

The United States was finally forced into the conflict "over there." American manhood and American womanhood responded to the call of their leader. Mothers, God bless and keep the Mothers, cheerfully and prayerfully gave to the cause "over there" their sons, wives their husbands, sweethearts their lovers. Even the little urchins saved their pennies and the widow gave her mite for the cause "over there." In the midst of this vast struggle, when the life of this great Government was in the balance, when Humanity and Democracy were struggling with the beast of autocracy and the world trembled in fear, what were the pirates of industry doing? I have before me the Congressional Record dated July 3, 1918, and I read:

"In support of the President's charge against the profiteers we now have the report of the Federal Trade Commission, dated June 29, 1918, which is a shocking revelation of the avarice of the profiteers. The report covers in chief the great basic products of mining and industry, the commodities upon which practically all other prices are based. I will not attempt more than a hasty analysis of the report.

STEEL

The Steel Trust made 24.9 per cent in 1917 upon the total amount invested in its business as against 4.7 per cent in 1912, 5.7 per cent in 1913, and 2.8 per cent in 1914. Even these enormous figures are small in comparison with the profits of Follansbee Bros. Co., 112.48 per cent; West Leechburg Steel Co., 109.05 per cent; West Penn Steel Co., 159.01 per cent, and dwindle into

modesty as compared with the profits of Nagle Steel Co., which reach the murderous figure of 319.67 per cent.

COPPER, NICKEL AND ZINC

The average profits of 21 leading copper companies were found by the commission to average 24.4 per cent. Some of the concerns earned as high as 107 per cent on their investments. These figures show profits left after paying all Federal taxes and show the net amounts applied to dividends.

The New Jersey Zinc Co., which has a practical monopoly of zinc production, shows 95.9 per cent profits.

The International Nickel Co., which also has a monopoly, made 30 per cent on its investment.

SULPHUR

Two corporations together enjoy a practical monopoly in sulphur production. They made for 11 months, ending October 31 last, 236 per cent on their investments. It costs about \$6 per ton to produce sulphur. These concerns charged from \$18 to \$35 per ton for their product.

LUMBER

The lumber industry has been comparatively lenient. On an average the mills made net profits of 20 per cent during 1917, though some mills ran up to 121 per cent. The average for 1916 was 5.2 per cent.

COAL

Coal producers seem to have been guilty of the most shameless profiteering of all, not that their profits were greater than other profiteers, but because they dealt in a necessary of life—coal—which must be used

by rich and poor alike, so that much of their extortion was practiced upon the poor and oppressed. The soft-coal producers of central Pennsylvania in 1916 made an average profit of only 20 cents per ton. In 1917 their profit was 90 cents per ton. Coal producers in the middle states made 54 cents per ton profit as against 10 to 15 cents for the prewar period. So that the commission's report shows that coal operators had increased their profits from 300 to 500 per cent. The commission's investigation did not extend to the Alabama fields, so that I have no accurate information as to the profits made. I do know that coal which was sold f. o. b. mines at from 90 cents to \$1.35 per ton in 1912, 1913 and 1914 was sold during 1917 at from \$2.25 to \$2.90 per ton after Government prices had been fixed, and that prior to price fixing the price in some cases reached \$4 per ton.

OIL AND GASOLINE

The war emergency has given a golden opportunity to Standard Oil and its subsidiaries. They have earned from 24 to 63 per cent upon their investments.

MEAT AND LEATHER

The big packers have proven themselves the robbers that they were believed to be. The big four—Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy—had averaged prewar profits—1912, 1913 and 1914—of \$19,000,000; in 1917 they earned \$86,000,000. They did well in 1915 and 1916 for their profits for the last three years have reached \$142,000,000. Morris & Co. for 1917 earned 263.7 per cent on capital stock. Armour in 1916 increased its capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000, not a dollar of new money being paid for the new stock.

The packers are also interested directly and indirectly in the hide and leather business. A tremendous advance in prices of leather was made in 1917 and enormous profits realized. The Eastern Leather Co. paid 53 per cent dividends on its common stock after transferring 10 per cent to its surplus. The people paid this when they bought their shoes.

FLOUR AND MILK

Flour millers increased their profits during 1917 400 per cent, but the increase was distributed so that only a little was paid by each individual. Millers had been content with an average of 13 cents per barrel profit, but with the war they increased their average to 52 cents a barrel and paid profits of 38 per cent on their investments.

The canned milk business is monopolized by a few concerns. One of these made 65 per cent on its investments and the others something less. Even little babies depending for nourishment upon a can of condensed milk are required to yield something to the war profiteers.

THEY BETRAY OUR SOLDIERS

I can not take space to further notice the details of the commission's report. It is a sickening situation. The Nation is confronted with a powerful and unscrupulous adversary. Engaged in a stupendous war, it is sending its soldiers across the seas to fight the battles of mankind. Our brave soldiers are pouring out their life-blood upon the battle fields of France and performing deeds of deathless heroism. Our armies are winning imperishable glory for American arms. Over the seas they are showing all that is splendid, magnanimous and fine in our civilization, and here at home millions of

patriotic citizens are watching and praying for the winning of the war. In millions of American homes the anxious mother prays for the absent son and feels a holy and solemn pride in his sacrifice, and humble citizens toil through the long hours that our country may be saved. Patriots are denying themselves of food and clothes so as to give their strength and substance to our armies. Yet into this awful and sacred situations slinks the ghoulish profiteer, who would turn his country's extremity to his own advantage.

The winning of the war is the chief and almost only concern of every good citizen; yet, and I say it with all deliberation, the greatest obstacle to American success are the men who are seeking to make fortunes in war profits."

I have verified these figures in the report of the commission appointed by that God-given leader of truth, Woodrow Wilson, and find them correct.

I have before me the Berlin Vorwaerts—it is the month of July—the great drive on the Western front is on, the fate of Germany is being determined, and I read:

"As for that we are all sinners. Profiteering exceeds all bounds. Usury is rampant among all classes. Fraudulent profiteering like that of Daimler works is in no wise an exception. Even official bodies attempt to extort illegal profits. But poor folk can only buy clothes at the official clothing department by bribing the salesmen with tips or food."

From Austria-Hungary comes the same warning.

In August of this year the Associated Press brings news from Japan to this effect:

"At Nagoya, noted for its manufactures of porce-

lains, a mob estimated at 30,000 persons rioted. At several places the soldiers fired on the disturbers.

"At Kobe the soldiers and police also were obliged to use sabers and bayonets.

"There was serious rioting in Tokio Wednesday night. Mobs attacked and damaged property in the business and theater districts.

"The rioters also entered and pillaged houses in Asa Kusa, the great recreation resort of the middle and lower classes. A number of the disturbers were wounded by the police.

"The newspaper comment here seems to indicate that the food riots throughout the country are an expression of growing social unrest among the people and to reflect the belief that the empire is advancing toward a social crisis. The riots are spreading, involving the poor and the middle classes.

"It is remarked that the uprisings are often anti-capitalistic, mobs destroying property and voicing anger at evidences of luxury. Geisha girls have been stoned in the streets and the houses of the rich have been assailed. The war has increased the luxuries of the rich and the misery of the poor, as insufficient wages are paid. *The riots are the first of the kind to occur since Japan was opened to western civilization.*

"Disorders broke out in Tokio on Tuesday night. A crowd of 5000 which was prevented from congregating in the park marched to the Ginza, the great retail thoroughfare of the city, where they stoned and damaged 200 stores and restaurants, raided rice depots and unsuccessfully attacked the ministry of the interior. Ninety arrests were made and 20 policemen were injured. Tokio tonight is occupied by heavy detachments of police and infantry. The newspapers are forbidden to publish news of any kind relative to the rice riots."

Here we pause just long enough to note that the Dragon of Michael, the Nero and Pilate of Jesus, the Moloch of Milton, the Shylock of Shakespeare find a

splendid representative in the profiteer of today. He is the greed lusting Hun of America, more dangerous than the blood-lusting Hun of Europe. He knows no God but greed, no country but profit, no flag but gain, no brotherhood but interest, no fatherhood but brutal selfishness. Treason is an open account in the eyes of the greed lusting and vultur hearted profiteer. He never sleeps, has no compunctions or remorse.

Pause here for just a moment and realize this condition: The means of transportation and communication, and industrial concerns of gigantic magnitude vitally affecting productive energy and progress, social order and welfare of all the people, for all intents and purposes, are in the hands of the Government. Suppose a representative, or even a friend of the Kaisers of Industry of America should be elected as President of the United States, while these industries are in this condition, what would happen? Every student of history knows exactly what would happen, and it is far, far from a pleasant reflection. I have every faith in the peaceable tendencies of the American people, but they are a people who will demand justice and fight for it when necessary.

The point I emphasize, the thing I want to drive home, is that it is quite as important for the cause of HUMANITY AND DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM AND PROGRESS for the American people to win the struggle which will be involved in the "after the war fight for industrial and economic freedom" as it is for the world to win the conflict now raging in Europe. We have been ruled by selfish interests long enough. We have paid unholy tribute too long.

This force shall not return to power to dominate

and control American life, to rob the producer of his product and the laborer of his toil. It shall not return to blight the hope of success and darken the hearthside of opportunity.

Its curse shall be removed.

I stake this statement on my knowledge of the American people. I know them as a peace loving, God fearing people, representing the perfection of thrift, energy and industry.

By natural process of unfoldment, living up to their ideals, they have progressed from the good, to the better and from the better to the best. They are the recognized advance guard of humanity, progress and achievement. Destiny has decreed that this force shall destroy the blood-lusting Hun of Europe just as certainly as Michael destroyed the coveted rule of his ancestor in Heaven. Truth has decreed that Americanism will take the place of the rule of the greed-lust Hun of America. And as sure as God rules in Heaven and right lives on earth that decree will be executed.

CHAPTER V.

Thirty Thousand New Millionaires.

Thirty thousand new millionaires since the beginning of the war in Europe tells history in a line. It requires not the wisdom of a prophet, or the vision of a son of a prophet, to divine with reasonable accuracy what the future has in store. This mighty plunder rung from the bleeding hearts of suffering people and nations will be added to the ill-gotten gains of a wicked system. It will be used as the mighty concentration of capital in the past has been used—to enslave mankind and stifle legitimate progress.

The hirelings furnishing the brains for the big interests will be quick to see their golden opportunity. The invisible hand will reach out like the clutching claw of the fable. The pirates of industry, by their established avenues of reaching the people, will laud THEMSELVES to the skies. They will be quick to tell the world how WE and the United States entered the war in defense of Democracy and Christianity, Human Freedom and Individual Liberty. With their horns well concealed and looking piety itself they will solemnly point out how WE opened wide OUR treasury chests to help in the glorious cause of the struggling Allies; how OUR bins, granaries and storehouses were emptied of OUR savings and accumulations and how WE fed the world. How many of OUR brave sons sleep their eternal sleep upon the sacred and hallowed fields of immortal France; how OUR God-given women traveled into the valley of the shadow of death upon a foreign soil to succor the dying and bury the dead.

This will be the foundation of their propaganda. While this is going on the people of the earth will be religiously mourning their dead, tilling the fields, tending their herds, developing the mines, building their homes and consecrating their lives to the restoration of the wrecked fortunes of the war.

Deep and everlasting gratitude will overflow in the grateful hearts of millions of people. On bended knee before the shrine of Americanism they will return thanks to Almighty God. To them Americanism will be their hope and inspiration, generating in their souls new courage and determination. The emblem of America will be their guiding star. At this psychological moment the industrial pirates, whose plans are even now well developed, will attempt to move in and take possession of everything that will produce profit. If their program succeeds the firesides of the world will pay lasting tribute to this new, strange, exacting, invisible power and the profit-lusting Huns of the industrial world will win back from the people what the blood-lusting Hun lost on the fields of battle in Europe. The world will then learn that the Kaisers of Industry are just as brutal and dangerous as the Kaisers of the Hohenzollerns.

The Federal Trade Commission, reporting to the President of the United States as late as August, this year, characterizes the Beef Barons as an intricate fabric of monopolies, controls, combinations, conspiracies and restraints, and points out this burning fact:

"Out of the mass of information in our hands one fact stands out with all possible emphasis. The small dominant group of American meat packers are now international in their activities, while remaining American in their identity. Blame which now attaches to

them for their practices abroad as well as at home inevitably will attach to our country if the practices continue." "The menace of this concentrated control of the nation's food," says this same report, "is increased by the fact that these five corporations and their FIVE HUNDRED and odd subsidiary, controlled and affiliated companies are bound together by joint ownerships, agreements, understandings, communities of interest and family relationships" * * *

"The Armour, Swift, Morris and Wilson interests have entered into a combination with certain foreign corporations by which export shipments of beef, mutton and other meats from the principal South American meat-producing countries are apportioned among the several companies on the basis of agreed percentages. In conjunction with this conspiracy meetings are held for the purpose of securing the maintenance of the agreement and making such readjustments as from time to time may be desirable. THE AGREEMENTS RESTRICT SOUTH AMERICAN SHIPMENTS TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES."

"Since the meat supplies of North and South America constitute practically the only sources from which the United States and her Allies can satisfy their needs for the armies, navies and civil populations, these two agreements constitute a conspiracy on the part of the big five, in conjunction with certain foreign corporations, to monopolize an essential part of the food of the United States, England, France and Italy."

These same Barons of Finance secured a monopoly of the coffee production of the world by an agreement with the province of Sao Paulo, in the Republic of Brazil. In this agreement it is expressly provided that no new coffee orchards shall be planted during the life of the agreement, and the Government of Sao Paulo enacted a special law to this effect. Do you wonder

that the people of South America look with grave suspicion upon the United States?

Make no mistake about it, the eyes of the world are upon us. A new doctrine, Americanism, is being ushered into activity. Like the doctrine promulgated by the Master, it is being resisted by the powers of evil, greed, selfishness and avarice. By every power at their command these forces are resisting and challenging this step of human freedom, liberty and justice.

It will thus be seen at a glance how important it is for the American nation to maintain a very high standard of humanitarian principles, principles of right and fair dealing, at home and abroad. I am not an altruist by any means, but I do say that we must help the weak and curb the strong. More than this, we must stand for a principle that will give to every man, woman and child a reasonable opportunity to make good in the great game of life. We must not, we shall not, disappoint or betray those who will now look to us for assistance and guidance, nor permit them to fall into the hands of the Pharisees wearing garbs of Americanism. By entering the world war, with the promises we have made, we must accept this new world trust and discharge our duty as a faithful trustee. The new light of Americanism must be the beacon light of the world; it must be the signal of safety and not a decoy to trap the unwary and credulous. And again, after this observation, I say the pirates of industry shall not return to power by putting on the clothes of Americanism. This force must be destroyed.

CHAPTER VI.

The Doom of Autocracy.

The doom of Prussian Military Autocracy of Germany should be a solemn warning to the Financial Autocracy of America. The American people will avoid to the very last effort and argument a French Revolution, but the American people are going to end the rule and reign of financial autocracy in America at any cost.

If the Financial Autocracy of America could read the handwriting on the wall of irresistible progress it would learn something from the fall of the Bastille, the French Revolution, the destruction of the mighty Russian Empire and the dream of unhappy Finland. The sad reflection is that nothing short of complete annihilation of the power of the financial autocracy in America will be the safe road to travel. The financial autocracy of America, like its twin evil, the military autocracy of Germany, has confidence that its doctrine of force and deception, that might is right, will prevail over the doctrine of human brotherhood and freedom. Therein lies the grave danger, because no one can determine to what extent this force will go to preserve this position. Let it be said here again and yet again that the American people will never permit the financial autocracy of America to succeed to the interests of the military autocracy of Prussia.

President Wilson understands the temper, ideals, needs and demands of the American people and the requirements of industrial activity and economic progress. He knows the stupendous power and force of the special privileged interests and their blighting and

damning effect on our National life. He has felt the grip of the iron claw of the unseen hand directed by the invisible Government at Washington. He has wrestled with the mighty world problems which mean weal or woe to the countless millions yet to come.

With justice to all, with malice to none, with prayerful consideration of every question, he has stood like a mighty figure of destiny, giving just judgment and dealing out equal, exact and lasting justice to all. Hence it is that the call of destiny, the cry of humanity and the demand of duty is that he shall serve the American people until the threatened storm has passed.

In 1913 this man of destiny wrote:

“American industry is not free, as once it was free; American enterprise is not free; the man with only a little capital is finding it harder to get into the field, more and more impossible to compete with the big fellow. Why? Because the laws of this country do not prevent the strong from crushing the weak. That is the reason, and because the strong have crushed the weak the strong dominate the industry and the economic life of this country”; and again:

“I should like to take a census of the business men—I mean the rank and file of the business men—as to whether they think that business conditions in this country, or rather whether the organization of business in this country, is satisfactory or not. I KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD SAY IF THEY DARED. If they could vote secretly they would vote overwhelmingly that the present organization of business was meant for the big fellows and was not meant for the little fellows; that it was meant for those who are at the top and was meant to exclude those who are at the bottom; that it was meant to shut out beginners, to prevent new entries in the race, to prevent the building up of competitive

enterprises that would interfere with the monopolies which the great trusts have built up"; and again:

"The originative part of America, the part of America that makes new enterprises, the part into which the ambitious and gifted workingman makes his way up, the class that saves, that plans, that organizes, that presently spreads its enterprises until they have a national scope and character—that middle class is being more and more squeezed out by the processes which we have been taught to call processes of prosperity."

The reason President Wilson could so readily understand the German Imperial Government, penetrate the innermost secrets of its power, lay bare its cunning manipulations, expose to the world its duplicity and cold-blooded deception, was he understood the mechanism, organization and business principles of Big Business of America.

He had come in contact with the ramifications and experienced the power and influence of the great speculators and financiers. He had seen them rule, learned their ideals, and observed their method of doing business.

Brute force and deception were the chief pillars of both the German Government and the big American corporations. Might is right is their constant thought. Crush everything that stands in the road of progress is their first principle.

With searching accuracy Wilson points out the effect of Big Business control upon our social life: "Let me illustrate what I mean: It used to be true in our cities that every family occupied a separate house of its own, that every family had its own little premises, that every family was separated in its life from every other family. That is no longer the case in our great cities.

Families live in tenements, they live in flats, they live on floors; they are piled layer upon layer in the great tenement houses of our crowded districts, and not only are they piled layer upon layer, but they are associated room by room, so that there is in every room, sometimes, in our congested districts, a separate family."

And this is a country which the all wise Creator has endowed and blessed with an endless abundance of natural resources, untold riches and boundless wealth. The land of mighty forests, crystal lakes and great rivers. A land where the mountains, pregnant with enchanting, mystifying and fascinating scenery, filled with waterfalls playing with the fairies of rest, recreation and inspiration, lift their peaks high into the heavens, where the bowels of the earth are filled with gold, copper, silver and other precious metals, where the far-reaching rich plains and fertile prairies feast with the music of the sower and the song of the reaper, where the streams and bays, lakes and harbors swarm with a thousand varieties of the finny tribe, where the air is pure, the birds sing, and the flowers bloom, where the sunshine and the rain play with each other, where the all wise Creator has built for mankind a haven of rest for the weary, a land of hope and promise for his children, and blessed it in the name of Life, Liberty, Equality and Justice. Yet, withall, "American industry is not free" and the "middle class is being more and more squeezed out by the processes which we have been taught to call processes of prosperity" and "families live in tenements, they live in flats, they live on floors; they are piled layer upon layer in the great tenement houses of our crowded districts, and not only are they piled layer upon layer, but they are associated room by

room, so that there is in every room sometimes, in our congested districts, a separate family."

Do you wonder by this time why the autocratic interests have passed the sentence of death on Wilsonism? Are you surprised when you are told that the autocratic powers which have controlled our industrial, social, economic, religious and every day life have determined upon a plan to eliminate Wilsonism in America? Who would you trust for the next four years, Wilson or the Huns of industry in America? I repeat: Draft President Wilson is not an original thought of the author. It is the call of destiny, the cry of humanity and the demand of duty. It is the hope of industrial freedom in America. The dream of Americanism for the world, the fulfillment of our duty to posterity.

Most certainly no one expects the American people to sit supinely down and miss this golden opportunity to become the balance of power of the world. I am a firm believer in the doctrine of doing things and doing them in the most effective method, the way that will produce the best and most lasting results. Result after all is what counts. I have no time for the drone, the indolent, the ne'er-do-well, either as an individual or a nation. I want to see society made up of happy, healthy, hardy, energetic, industrious and independent individuals, and then I want society to give them their chance in life. I am perfectly willing to see the individual or nation that does not contribute their share to the march of progress left by the roadside. I will help him by giving him a fair chance to help himself.

No good reason can be given why New York should not be the front door to the world's commerce. None can be assigned why it should not be the world's

great trade center and the world's chief clearing house.

Our unlimited natural resources, our geographical position, our untold riches, the genius and energy of our people, their progressive ideas, our ability and spirit of determination to lead, our ideals of freedom and justice entitle us to lead the procession in the mighty march of world progress and advancement. I fully realize that the day of individualism has passed never again to return. Even the individuality of nations will disappear. What I demand is the destruction of those powers which are shackling our industries, robbing our people, hindering our progress, keeping us from taking our place as the greatest nation under the blue canopy of Heaven, and degrading us in the eyes of the world. I have no quarrel with big business, however gigantic it may become, but I earnestly press the point that we have in our industrial economy dangerous and destructive forces which must be eliminated.

I do not mean to leave the impression that our system of Government has not been a success. It has been more than a success. What I mean to convey is that society is not an organization. It is an organism; a living thing.

I cannot escape the proposition that throughout the whole boundless realm of life, process and progress, the individual, in the last analysis, best serves himself and his personal needs when his highest ideals of true value aim toward the welfare of the whole realm of human life. The sociological compact, called society, will be rich, healthy, vigorous and fruitful as each individual contributes something to produce such a state; and in turn each individual will partake of the fruitage of that contribution.

To my mind this is America's great golden, never-to-return opportunity. It is our chance to make our anvils ring around the world, our chance to send our wares into every mart and port. Our destiny is in our hands. The twentieth century is the age of Americanism. Let us unite as Americans, proud of our great country and loyal to her institutions, in a grand movement of human uplift, and let us begin at home. Let us break the shackles that are corrupting and blighting our manhood and debauching and crippling our womanhood. Let us tear down the temple of the profiteer and end his reign of remorseless greed for wealth and power and build in its place a temple of good. A temple whose superstructure shall be equal opportunities to all, a temple bound together with golden cables of brotherly love and human kindness, filled with peace on earth and good will toward man. A temple covered with the ever-creeping vines of light, progress and achievement and dedicated to liberty, equality and justice.

CHAPTER VII.

Let Us Reason Together.

Let no one mistake or misconstrue the motive which has actuated this effort. I am not of the same political faith as that of President Wilson. I am a republican, proud of the glorious record of that grand old party. I am an American first and a republican afterwards. There are just two parties in the United States—Americans and traitors.

I rejoice to see partisan politics being swept into the discard for the duration of the war and for the full period of reconstruction and reorganization after the war.

On the eve of the Spanish-American war I was delighted to read from the pen of that stalwart, splendid, red-blooded American, Theodore Roosevelt:

"Remember, that whether you will or not, your votes this year will be viewed by the nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. A refusal to sustain the President this year, will, in their eyes, be read as a refusal to sustain the war and to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruit of war. Such a refusal may not inconceivably bring about a rupture of the peace negotiations. It will give heart to our defeated antagonists; it will make possible the interference of those doubtful neutral nations, who in this struggle have wished us ill."

Benjamin Harrison on the same subject said:

"If the word goes forth that the people of the United States are standing solidly behind the President, the task of the peace commissioners will be easy."

I give here a few of the prominent Republicans

serving under President Wilson: Wm. H. Taft, Chairman War Labor Board; Chas. E. Hughes, Investigate Aircraft; C. M. Schwab, Chairman Emergency Fleet Corporation; Chas. Piez, Vice President Fleet Corporation; Wm. Phillips, Assistant Secretary of State; L. W. Woolsey, Solicitor, State Department; L. S. Rowe, Assistant Secretary of Treasury; R. C. Leffingwell, Assistant Secretary of Treasury; Frank A. Vanderlip, Chairman War Savings Stamps Commission; Benedict Crowell, First Assistant Secretary of War; Frederick P. Keppel, Assistant Secretary of War; E. R. Stettinius, Assistant Secretary of War; A. B. Bielaski, Bureau of Investigation; Wm. R. Willcox, Federal Railway Wage Commission; H. A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator; Herbert Hoover, Food Administrator.

The world war has reached proportions far, far beyond the human mind to conceive. The population of the combined allied nations is 1,439,759,105; the combined population of the central powers is 144,084,000. The armed strength of the allies is 23,285,603; the armed strength of the central powers is 10,600,000. If partisan politics is more important than the issue at stake between these mighty forces then I am wrong in my premises, otherwise I am right.

On every hand, in our National life, we witness the blighting influence of partisan politics, carping politicians and swivel chair parasites. It will be a happy day for industrial freedom and equal opportunity when we can do some wholesome housecleaning along this line.

Pothouse politicians and swivel chair parasites are responsible for the life of the hyphen and a thousand

other evils which we now find gnawing at the very vitals of society and the foundation of government. The day of the blood-sucking parasite, thank God, is drawing to a close in America and his twin evil, partisan politics, will go with him.

Quite recently President Wilson suggested Henry Ford, the automobile man of Detroit, as United States senator from Michigan. This brought a sharp howl from the profiteers. As usual, the protest came from the wolves of Wall Street and was handed to the American people by a choice collection of newspapers of the profiteer brand. The objection to Ford is: He does not conduct his business on a profiteering basis; he pays a living wage to and has a good word for the working man; he worked for peace while there was hope of peace; he is doing more to win the war than any other living man, except the President of the United States; his patriotism is not based upon five hundred per cent or one thousand per cent profit; he is a red-blooded American, living up to the true and coming ideals of Americanism. "Wall Street gamblers and profiteers will not blacken the character of Henry Ford, who worked for peace while there was hope of peace and who works only for his Nation's victory now." Ford is a household name in America. I mention this only to illustrate the tactics of the profiteers and special privileged interests of this country. Ford is not the only man marked for slaughter by this gang. Every man interfering with their game of plunder and profits will meet the same fate. Even more, every man with Wilson principles in his heart, every man struggling for industrial freedom and the uplift of mankind will feel the iron claw of their baneful influence. Business men

striving to serve the wants of their community in an honest fashion cannot exist with the consent of these pirates of industry.

The only reason President Wilson is not attacked in the open is they fear him. They realize that he has the confidence of the American people. They have felt the sting of his lash too often to clash with him at this time. I am firm in my conviction that Wilson is the one man in America who can and will hold these combinations at bay and protect the interests of all the people all the time.

Wilson and Wilsonism belong not alone to America, they belong to the world, to mankind. They are a part of the great plan of human progress.

The struggle between Democracy and Autocracy, between the doctrine of force and the doctrine of humanity, is world-wide. The issue is squarely drawn. The battle lines are formed. There is no middle ground. The sapping politician can protest to his heart's content. The job-hunting parasite can weep and wail and gnash his teeth. The pacifists can moan and sicken at their pleasure. There will be no retreat. "The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No half-way decision would be tolerable. No half-way decision is conceivable." The demand of humanity "Down with Kaiserism" will mean "Down with Kaiserism" not only in Germany, but in every land cursed by its blighting hand. The associated peoples of the earth are fighting to establish "The reign of law, based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind."

I do not mean to convey the idea that there is no presidential timber, except Wilson, in the United

States at this time. Far from such a suggestion. All agree that there are many, many master minds in the United States. Men who could and would serve their country with true patriotism and fidelity. Indeed, the land is filled with able, patriotic, dependable, determined and honest men. Ordinarily I would uphold the third-term precedent. But we are not living in an ordinary age. The present crisis is far, far beyond the extraordinary. It is the world-wide critical period of the age. The war has not yet been won. We shall yet sacrifice thousands of lives and spend billions of money.

However able, patriotic, devoted, learned, experienced and capable a man may be, the fact remains no human being can take the reins of Government, grasp the mighty problems facing us and handle the affairs of state effectively. In short, it seems preposterous to even suggest a change. In the language of the immortal Lincoln, we should not swap horses in the middle of the stream.

In this mighty struggle let us bury deep, deep beyond all possible hope of resurrection, partisan politics, sectarian bigotry, long-faced hypocrisy and abnormal greed.

Let us live that we can look the whole world in the face without apology. Let us generate in the innermost recess of our soul the joyful realization that we have done our whole duty. And now again I say the call of destiny, the cry of humanity and the demand of duty is that President Woodrow Wilson shall serve the world for four years after the expiration of his present term of office.

CHAPTER VIII.

Our Pledge.

Let Us Pledge Ourselves Again and Yet Again.

By the blessings of those hardy, humble and God-fearing Pilgrims who founded their homes on the bleak and barren shores of New England, there erecting their family altars, building their family firesides, keeping sacred the family circle, planting the seed of hope, courage and determination and giving to all mankind a new freedom and to destiny a new light.

By the sacred memory of the immortal fathers who brought forth upon this continent a new form of government conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

By the inspiration instilled by the heroism and undying courage of the dauntless men at Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and Saratoga, Valley Forge and Yorktown.

By the lessons taught by the determined and fearless victors at New Orleans and on Lake Erie, the dying martyrs at the Alamo and the daring and unconquerable heroes at Buena Vista and Chapultepec.

By the eternal obligations fixed by the unmatched bravery and intrepid spirit of the gallant men at Gettysburg and Missionary Ridge, at Shiloh and in the Wilderness, storming the heights above the clouds at Lookout Mountain, and charging the death-dealing walls at Vicksburg.

By the duty imposed by the glorious achievement of the courageous men sailing into the harbor of Manila, carrying the unconquered and unconquerable Stars

and Stripes into Asiatic lands and bearing the message of human uplift and the betterment of man.

By the monuments built for humanity when the lives of our manhood were lost in the jungles of Cuba that the light of liberty and equal opportunity might reach an oppressed and enslaved people.

By the courage and inspiration given us by those hardy and daring pioneers, who blazed the trails, transformed the wilds into civilization, changed the mighty forests into marts of trade and commerce, made the desert bloom with golden grains and luscious fruits to appease the appetite and satisfy the hunger of man, beast and bird, ever enduring the hardships and privations, ever building from the good to the better and from the better to the best.

By the faith, hope and confidence inspired by the sacred and guiding light kept blazing by our God-given women on the long, long trail called the march of civilization, ever and ever pouring out their noble and divine influences, ever and ever struggling, suffering and sacrificing for the good of humanity and the benefit of the race.

By our duty to our heroes living and our martyrs dead.

By the debt we owe to the countless generations struggling on and on through fire and blood to make us possible.

By all these I repeat, let us pledge ourselves again and still again that the pain, suffering and sacrifices of the past shall not have been in vain; that the heroism, honor and patriotism of the race shall not die; that humanity, Christianity and freedom shall not be crushed from the earth by the brutal hand of barbarous Prus-

sianism; that free institutions shall not be stricken unto death because God has entrusted us with a taxing duty; because destiny is giving Americanism the blood and fire test.

And above all let us pledge our God, our posterity, our country, our all that this cruel conflict shall not place a single stain or blot upon the spotless name of America, American womanhood, American manhood, American patriotism, and American honor. And when the world emerges from the gloom and tragedies of this awful war, purged and cleansed of ravenous Prussian militarism with all its blighting and damning effects upon mankind, and when the scars of this terrible, death-dealing struggle are being wiped out by the all-healing hand of time, let America be found extending to all mankind the right hand of fellowship, breathing the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, binding their wounds with bands of justice, humanity, hope and inspiration, leaving to God in His infinite wisdom to judge them for their deeds.

Let us return from this war, I say, with one more achievement credited to the world's greatest Republic, an achievement that will gladden the hearts, thrill the souls and make happy the homes of countless millions, an achievement for the benefit of mankind, for the uplift of humanity, for the preservation of liberty and the perpetuation of democracy. Let our glorious, unconquered and unconquerable and eternal flag return with her baptism of blood consecrated in the cause of human justice and dedicated to liberty, freedom and equality throughout the world.

CHAPTER IX.

Peace.

"And he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Jesus—Luke 22:36.

"Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so, still it must be said that the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."—Lincoln.

The question of a just peace and how to secure it presents two very important propositions. Proper regard for the Wilson program compels one to say little on these important subjects at this time. It is impossible, however, to pass the peace subject without suggestion. The American people are entitled to at least some mention as to the far-reaching consequences wrapped in this question. I shall confine my observations to a mere hint.

The Allies, at last, have organization, leadership, unity and harmony in their fighting forces. The people at home are entering into the war with a determined spirit to win. They will win the war. The military autocracy of Germany is doomed. The end is only a matter of time. As the end draws near the world will begin to appreciate the terrible cost of this awful struggle.

At the peace conference two peace plans will contest for supremacy. One of these will be a Wilson peace plan, provided he is then President of the United States. The other will be a Great Britain peace plan. The guiding principle of the Wilson peace plan will be a healthy, vigorous and progressive universal brotherhood.

Why are the eyes of the world riveted on Woodrow Wilson?

Why is his every word hurried to the four corners of the earth? Why is he the world's greatest character? In short, why is he the leading man in the greatest drama of all time. Because mankind everywhere looks to him as their leader and friend, their hope and star of inspiration. And more, because a Wilson peace will be a real, effective and determined step toward the goal of universal and permanent peace. I say a step toward the goal of universal and permanent peace because permanent peace is still a dream. The foundation for universal and permanent peace has not yet been started.

Peace to be permanent and universal must be founded on universal brotherhood. Harmony in action, unity in cause and a recognition of the rights of man are the first necessary steps. I do not use the term "universal brotherhood" in the weakling, or sentimental, or maudlin sense. I apply it here as a great principle whose roots grow deep into the fertile soil of strong, healthy, vigorous, penetrating, courageous and productive pursuits, occupations and progress, building each day from the good to the better and from the better to the best, feeding and developing the best that is

in the man and struggling to make this a better world in which to live.

I have often said that there can be no peace on earth until the physical has blended and harmonized with the spiritual and we have come to have a spiritual conception and understanding of life. Then and not until then shall the people "beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Then "shall all men's good

Be each man's rule, and universal peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land,
And like a lane of beams across the sea."

We have reached a state superior to anything behind us and we are about to realize a new and higher summit. This approaching new order will not be in the nature of a final goal, nor in that of perfection; it will be but a step in the grand march of mankind to the goal of universal brotherhood.

Let no one deceive himself by thinking that the present war will be the last great war. It will not be the last great war. The end of the present war will see the nations of the earth beginning mighty preparations for the next war which will be fought over the Asiatic question. However, a Wilson peace will save the world from a crucifixion on the cross of commercialism. It will give the world the first foundation upon which universal and permanent peace can be founded.

The present war cannot and will not settle the Armenian question, nor the Balkan question, nor the Asiatic question, nor the Irish question. Asia is older than Europe, Europe is older than America. Neither

Asia nor Europe have solved their social questions, their religious questions, their economic and industrial questions. It is worthy of notice that the oldest country, Asia, has almost reached the point of irremediable decadence, while the youngest country of the globe, America, has reached the highest point of perfection ever attained by mankind.

The world is just beginning to realize that something more than mere "scraps of paper" is necessary to weld the peoples of the earth into a reasonably harmonious body.

I am firm in my conviction that if the world fully understood that Woodrow Wilson would remain the President of the United States for four years after the expiration of his present term it would shorten the war by a year. Let the world be advised NOW that Wilson is to stay at the helm of the ship of state until his mighty trust is landed safe in the harbor of the NEW AGE OF AMERICANISM and the people everywhere will rally to his standard and follow his course.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

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